

COUNTRY	East Germany	REPORT	
TOPIC	Grossenhain Airfield	25X1	
EVALUATION		25X1	
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1. The following observations were made at Grossenhain airfield from 2 through 13 January 1953: 25X1
  - 2 January. No activities were observed.
  - 3 January. About 120 men were engaged clearing the snow from the runway. 25X1
  - 5 January. No activities were observed.
  - 6 January. A MiG-15 was seen in front of a hangar. The weather was hazy.
  - 12, 15, and 16 January. No activities were observed.
  - 13 January. About 2:30 p.m. three MiG-15s were parked in front of a hangar. No air activity was observed.<sup>1</sup>
2. Prior to 16 January, construction work was being done on about 30 shrapnel-proof aircraft revetments. 25X1  
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3. No flying was observed at the field from 4 through 11 January. It snowed on most of these days. The weather was rather poor between 12 and 17 January. Although flying would have been possible several times, no air activity was observed during this period. Four MiG-15s, three of them canvas-covered, were observed at the parking site for the alert flight. Two trucks and a tank truck were seen near the site. 25X1  
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The runway appeared to be covered with snow; its boundaries were marked by small trees. On 20 January, weather was 10/10 overcast at an altitude of 300 meters. In the afternoon, MiG-15s took off from the field; they soon disappeared in the clouds. Three landings were observed about 4:15 p.m. Through a gap in the fence around the field, the runway was clear of snow and that the small trees along its boundaries had disappeared.<sup>1</sup> 25X1
4. In mid-January, no construction work was observed on the aircraft revetments, which were covered with snow, except for one at the eastern edge of the installation. the walls of this revetment were grey.<sup>2</sup> 25X1

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On 9 January, source saw four spotlights mounted on poles at the northwestern edge of the field.

5. In early January, [ ] daily observed in Grossenhain two or three Russian women, who wore uniforms with black-bordered blue epaulets with and without air force insignia. On 20 January, two women, who wore silver epaulets with blue longitudinal stripes and two golden stars, entered the field. On 19 January, [ ] the driver [ ] wore black-bordered blue epaulets, picked up bread. [ ]  
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6. Between 9:15 and 9:23 a.m. on 13 January, a swept-back fighter without auxiliary fuel tank was observed flying over the field. At 2 p.m., Soviet soldiers were clearing snow from the runway. A snow plow pushed by a truck was also seen. After the run-and taxiways had been cleared of snow, a truck from which apparently salt was spread, drove over the cleared areas. This work was completed at about 4 p.m.  
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7. On the afternoon of 12 January, several small truck convoys, which came from Elsterwerda, entered the main gate of the airfield and proceeded to its southwestern corner. Each of the trucks was loaded with about 20 crated bombs. When the trucks crossed road junctions, Soviet soldiers waving red flags gave warning to other vehicles on the road. [ ]  
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8. On 17 January, source observed a radio installation with four masts and another one with one mast east of Grossenhain airfield.<sup>4</sup>  
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1. [ ] Comment. The headquarters of a fighter division and two fighter regiments are stationed at Grossenhain airfield. Air activity reported was very slight, probably because of unfavorable weather conditions. [ ]  
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2. [ ] Comment. The majority of the aircraft revetments available at the field are in its eastern and northern sections. It is believed that about 45 such revetments have been completed so far. The grey color observed on the walls of the revetments indicates that these walls are probably faced with concrete slabs. About 50 railroad carloads of concrete slabs have been observed arriving at the field.  
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3. [ ] Comment. The arrival of bombs at the field is reported for the first time. As only MiG-15s are stationed at Grossenhain, these bombs will probably be used by MiG-15s. However, there are no definite indications to date that MiG-15s carry bomb loads. Recently bombs have been shipped to Finow airfield, which is also occupied by a fighter regiment. [ ]  
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[ ] According to a sketch, which was not disseminated, the bombs shipped to Grossenhain were 120 to 150 cm long and had a diameter of about 40 cm. The rear end of the bombs was fitted with a sheet metal fin connected by a ring.  
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4. [ ] Comment. This information refers to the PKV-45 DF station and the outer low frequency approach beacon near Folbern.  
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